(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the whole matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A quantity of more than 73 lakh tonnes of paddy was procured by FCI and State Government of Punjab/its agencies for Central Pool during the Kharif year 1994-95. Out of this a quantity of 28 lakh tonnes of paddy remained unmilled with the FCI/State Agencies.

In veiw of the need to create storage space, to avoid deterioration in quality of paddy/ resultant rice and to reduce the carrying cost of FCI on these stocks, it was decided to sell paddy at a fixed rate of Rs. 442 per quintal and Rs. 422 per quintal for superfine and fine variety respectively. However, a quantity of only 4.62 lakh tonnes of paddy could be disposed of through open sale. To liquidate the stocks, it became necessary to dispose of paddy through short term tenders to get the best price. With the result, a quantity of 5.08 lakh tonnes of paddy could be disposed of at a reserve price of Rs. 395 per quintal and Rs. 375 per quintal for superfine and fine variety respectively. Had this quantity not been disposed of, the FCI would have spent a substantial amount on carrying cost of these stocks. Therefore, the loss sustained on disposal of paddy is negligible when compared to the savings on carrying cost and other resultant losses.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Losses incurred by Maharashtra due to decontrol of sugar

1838. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL:

SHRI V.N. GADGIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has made a representation that it incurred losses, when orders were issued to freeze stock of sugar by Government of Maharashtra to District Collectors/Controller of Rationing, Bombay consequent upon decontrol of sugar by the Central Government from 16th August, 1978;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra has now sent the revised claims as required by the Central Government; and

(c) the reasons due to which the claim has not been settled so far?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The revised claims have been submitted, but the stock position on 16.8.1978 is yet to be furnished by the Government of Maharashtra. The documentation is incomplete in the absence of the stock position.

निर्यात दायित्व के लिए कानूनी प्रतिबद्धता खण्ड

1839. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 6 जून, 1995 को "आब्जर्वर" में "लीगल अंडरटेकिंग क्लाज फार एक्सपोर्ट आब्लीगेशन गोज" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या आयात-निर्यात नीति में किए गए सुधारों के फलस्वरूप व्यापारिक संस्थाओं द्वारा लाइसेंस प्राप्त करने के समय किए गए अनुबंध में निर्यात-संबंधी प्रतिबद्धता के लिए कानूनी कार्यवाही कर पाने की स्थिति को समाप्त कर दिया गया है।

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या सरकार ने उन औद्योगिक या व्यापारिक संस्थाओं, जिन्होंने 1994-95 में निर्यात वचनबद्धता का पालन नहीं किया है, के विरुद्ध कोई कानूनी कार्यवाही की है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो उनकी कुल संख्या कितनी है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम): (क) जी, हां। यह समाचार दिनांक 9.6.95 के "दि आब्जर्वर" में छपा था।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) जहां निर्यात दायित्व पूरा करने के मामले में शुल्क छूट योजना और ईपीसीजी योजना के तहत बची शुल्क राशि के लिए प्रतिभूति एवं सिक्यूरिटी सहित बन्ध